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SUBJECT: JAPAN: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON E.O. 13382
DESIGNATION OF KWANGSON BANKING CORPORATION

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Classified By: Acting Economic Minister Counselor Bill E. Duff for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) On August 26, Deputy Financial Attach delivered reftel talking points to GOJ Ministry of Finance (MOF) International Bureau, Research Division Director Takeshi Kurihara, Deputy Director Junji Kuyama, Special Officer for Research on Foreign Exchange Transactions Wataru Kikuchi, and Section Chief Yuka Kunisato. Kurihara said the GOJ was investigating whether Kwangson Bank had a presence in Japan, and whether to designate it. While not prejudging the outcome of that investigation, Kurihara noted that under its Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act, Japan can and has designated other entities beyond what the UN has designated.
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